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DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CASPARI INFORMED THE MISSION REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING OF THE COUNCIL'S HIGH LEVEL NORTH-SOUTH GROUP REGARDING THE UN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW). CASPARI SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S JULY 11 SPEECH AT ECOSOC (NOT YET AVAILABLE TO THE MISSION). THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT THE NEW U.S. APPROACH WAS MORE CONSTRUCTIVE FROM THE EC POINT OF VIEW THAN THE EARLIER POSITION TRANSMITTED REF (B) BUT THERE WAS STILL SOME  
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CONCERN THAT THE U.S. APPROACH WOULD GIVE THE G-77 THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUSH FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE COW OR GIVE RISE TO EXCESS EXPECTATIONS BY THE LDC'S AS TO WHAT THEY COULD OBTAIN IN THAT FORUM. THE MEMBER STATES AGREED ON A COMMON POSITION FOR UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS IN THE MARGIN OF THE ECOSOC MEETING IN GENEVA AND FOR THE JULY 18TH XCSS MEETING OF THE OECD IN PARIS. THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THIS

POSITION ACCORDING TO CASPARI AND EC PERMDEL OFFICIALS  
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPEECH IS "CONSIDERED AS A  
POSITIVE ELEMENT, CORRESPONDING ESSENTIALLY TO THE VIEWS  
OF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH THE EC IS THEREFORE ABLE TO  
SUPPORT."

2. WHILE AGREEING WITH THE FIRST THREE PRINCIPLES ON  
PAGE 12 OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPEECH, THE EC PARTICIPANTS  
HAD RESERVATIONS ON THE FOURTH PRINCIPLE. THEY BELIEVE  
THAT AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE COW RESULT IN CONCRETE NEW PRO-  
POSALS TO BE PUT FORWARD IN APPROPRIATE NEGOTIATING BODIES  
WOULD CAUSE THE COW TO DEGENERATE INTO NEGOTIATIONS BE-  
TWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO TRY TO DE-  
FINE SUCH PROPOSALS. THE MEMBER STATES PREFER THE NOTION  
THAT THE COW SHOULD RESULT IN PROGRESS OR IN A PROCESS  
LEADING TO PROGRESS ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS.

3. THE EC IS CONCERNED THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S  
REFERENCE ON PAGE 13 OF HIS SPEECH THAT THE COW SHOULD  
CONSIDER SELECTED TOPICS WITH THE VIEW OF LEADING TO  
"ACTION OR TO FORMULATION OF NEW SOLUTIONS IN APPROPRIATE  
INTERNATIONAL FORA" COULD ALSO LEAD TO NEGOTIATIONS IN THE  
COW TO DEFINE THESE ACTIONS OR NEW SOLUTIONS. IN ADDI-  
TION, THEY FEAR THAT SUCH AN APPROACH COULD LEAD TO FALSE  
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EXPECTATIONS AMONG THE G-77 AS TO THE BENEFITS THE COW  
CAN BRING THEM. ONCE AGAIN THE EC WOULD PREFER THE FORMU-  
LATION THAT THE COW SHOULD MERELY LEAD TOWARD RAPID  
PROGRESS IN OTHER FORA. (CASPARI SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY  
FELT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO FIND SOME WAY TO INTRO-  
DUCE THE CONCEPT THAT THE COW CAN LEAD TO "ACTIONS" ELSE-  
WHERE WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME GIVING THE FALSE IMPRESSION  
THAT IT IS ABLE TO ACT ON ITS OWN).

4. THE COMMUNITY IS CONCERNED THAT THE REFERENCE ON  
PAGE 14 OF THE YOUNG SPEECH TO DISCUSSION OF ALL PROBLEM  
AREAS IN THE ADMITTEDLY LIMITED LIFETIME OF THE COW IS TOO  
INCLUSIVE. THE MEMBER STATES BELIEVE THAT THERE MUST BE  
SELECTIVITY OF SUBJECTS AND ACCEPTANCE THAT ON THOSE TOPICS  
WHERE THERE IS LITTLE OR NO PROSPECT FOR PROGRESS, THE COW  
HAD BETTER MOVE ON TO OTHER TOPICS.

5. THE EC CAN ACCEPT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S EMPHASIS ON  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE AS AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER  
MEETING OF THE COW. SOME MEMBER STATES, HOWEVER, FEEL IT  
WOULD BE BETTER TO STICK WITH THE ORIGINAL AGENDA, WHICH  
INCLUDES PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE LEAST

DEVELOPED COUNTRIES UNLESS THESE TOPICS ARE DROPPED BY A  
CLEAR CONSENSUS IN THE SAME WAY THEY WERE ORIGINALLY  
ADOPTED.

6. THE MEMBER STATES NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO REFERENCE  
IN THE YOUNG SPEECH ON THE FORMAT FOR REPORTS OF COW  
MEETINGS. THE EC PROPOSES THAT RATHER THAN TRY TO HAVE  
CONCLUSIONS OF SUCH MEETINGS, WHICH INEVITABLY LEADS TO  
NEGOTIATIONS, THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD AGREE TO LIMIT  
THEMSELVES TO SUMMARIES BY THE COW PRESIDENT OF THE  
HIGHLIGHTS OF EACH SESSION. WHILE COW PRESIDENT JAZAIRY IS  
RELUCTANT TO ADOPT THIS PROCEDURE, HE HAS NOT FORMALLY  
REFUSED. HINTON

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